

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1112
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2026**

STANDARD OF FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATE EXAMINATION

1112. SMT. SANJNA JATAV:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) exams are meant for the students who have done their MBBS from a foreign soil to get themselves registered in India and such exam is a mandatory screening/exam, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that despite being a screening/exam for MBBS graduates, the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) has maintained the standard of FMGE paper of NEET PG level which is least required for screening and in the latest FMGE exam held in June 2026, even questions of United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) style pattern appeared, thus putting the students under huge mental pressure, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to request the concerned NBEMS to check their standard of paper and to lower the qualifying exam marks to 125 rather than 150 marks for this exam of June 2026 in view of the overall pass percentage for the NBEMS June 2026, exam being just 12 per cent; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d): The Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) is conducted by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) in accordance with the provisions of the Screening Test Regulations for Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) seeking provisional or permanent registration with the National Medical Commission (NMC) or the respective State Medical Councils (SMCs).

As informed by NBEMS, the questions for FMGE are developed through structured Question Banking and Item Writing workshops followed by Validation Workshops by a different group of subject experts. Each question is reviewed for content accuracy, relevance to the approved

syllabus, reliability and validity. The overall process ensures that the examination maintains the expected standards of MBBS graduate and assesses the knowledge and competence required for safe medical practice in the Indian healthcare system.

The FMGE is conducted strictly in accordance with the notified regulations and prescribed qualifying criteria.
